



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): FAILE et al.
Serial No.: 10/538,957
For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR REDUCING PRESSURE
FLUCTUATIONS IN A SUCTION PIPE OF A WATER TURBINE
OR WATER PUMP OR WATER-PUMP TURBINE
Filed: August 31, 2006
Examiner: Ninh H. Nguyen
Art Unit: 3745
Confirmation No.: 9477
Customer No.: 27,623
Attorney Docket No.: WW033USU

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COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

We are enclosing an Amendment accompanied by a RCE in response to the communication dated January 16, 2008 in the above-identified application.

Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$120.00 to extend the time for filing this response until May 16, 2008.

The fee for any change in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---|-------|---|------------------|------------|----------|
| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | | Highest Number Previously Paid | Present Extra | Rate | |
| Total Claims | 16 | Minus | 20 | 0 | x \$50.00 | \$ |
| Independent Claims | 2 | Minus | 3 | 4 | x \$200.00 | \$800.00 |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE | | | | x \$360.00 = \$ | | |
| TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES | | | | \$800.00 | | |
| 1/2 FILING FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY | | | | \$N/A | | |

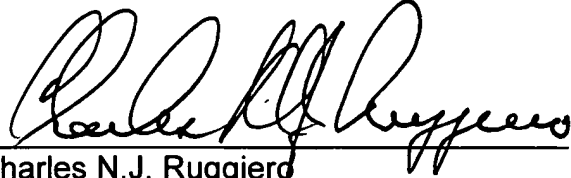
The total fee for this amendment, including claim changes and any extension of time and RCE fee is calculated to be \$930.00.

X A check in the amount of \$930.00 is attached.

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 01-0467**. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

May 16, 2008

Date



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